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SUBJECT: CONGESTION AT PARAKOU

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1. AT MEETING WITH ACTING FONMIN MOUSSA SALA EVENING JUNE 4 ON OTHER MATTERS, I AGAIN RAISED PROBLEM OF CONGESTION IN PARAKOU AND TOLD HIM A) PROBLEM WAS CRITICAL, B) DONORS DOING ALL THEY COULD BUT GON INPUT NECESSARY TO GET ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TRUCKS TO PARAKOU AND BREAK LOG JAM.

2. MOUSSA SALA SAID GON FULLY SEIZED WITH PROBLEM AND HAD DECIDED TO SEND CAPTAIN ALI SAIBOU, MINISTER OF RURAL ECONOMY, TO PARAKOU FOR PERSONAL INSPECTION OF SITUATION AFTER HIS VISIT TO COTONOU TOMORROW, JUNE 6. MOUSSA SALA ADDED THAT DURING DAY GON HAD BEEN BUSY ROUNDING UP TRUCKS FOR PARAKOU RUN AND CONVOY WOULD BE HEADED THAT DIRECTION EARLY MORNING JUNE 5.

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3. COMMENT: ALI SAIBOU AS MINISTER OF RURAL ECONOMY SEEMS TO BE GENERALLY IN CHARGE WITHIN GOVERNMENT FOR NIGER'S RELIEF OPERATIONS AND IN LAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAS BEEN ENERGETICALLY TRAVELING AROUND NIGER CHECKING INTO DROUGHT SITUATION, GRAIN DELIVERIES AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS. HE SEEMS TO BE RIGHT MAN TO SEND TO COTONOU AND PARAKOU AND UNTIL HIS RETURN HERE WE BELIEVE WE CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT APPLY FURTHER PRESSURE ON GON. WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FAIRLY HARD AT ALL LEVELS AND AS STATED IN REF A, IT IS NOW UP TO GON TO SHOW WHAT IT CAN DO.
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